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Mr. Fry of Commerce called me on the phone and asked me whether anything had been done with respect to the Scripps Howard story of July 5. He said he had been visited by his public relations officer who wanted to issue a release, since there was a story out anyhow. I told him I had done nothing but that I had learned that Moscow had reprinted the story. He said that he had talked with JIOA who had suggested that perhaps the State Department had released the information to the press, whereupon he said that he had realized that the State Department (meaning me) had denied the suggestion and had questioned whether the War Department had released it. He told me the Business Advisory Council had first proposed a press release and then changed its mind; he asked me what I thought of a press release. I told him that I had always urged on Captain Wev a uniform statement which should be given in case of need by every one of the Departments concerned, but that I was opposed to volunteering a press release. I pointed out that the big danger in this respect was that one man in one Department would tell one story, and another another.

I got the impression that Mr. Fry had, in fact, told the Scripps Howard man most of the story. He also told me that in correspondence with about a dozen universities and others concerning individual cases, references were made to portions of the program. He reiterated anyhow that the document had been declassified.

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